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Internationally renowned singer C-zar Olarte celebrates birthday

The Untouchables fill the house at Garufa



ORANJESTAD – The most popular cigar bar on the island Garufa held a full house last Saturday night on August 8th for a special evening with a first time appearance by The Untouchables. The lead singer

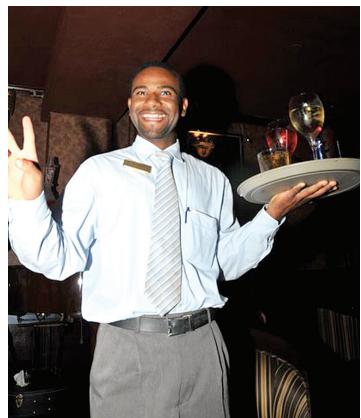
C-Zar Olarte celebrated his 34th birthday on Saturday night on stage with "Los Intokables Musicales" together with Angelo Figueroa, Hubert Thiel, and Abelardo Romero. Lots of fans showed up to

Garufa to enjoy their music and celebrate with C-Zar.

This was the very first time that C-Zar and The Untouchables have performed at Garufa,

though not a surprise, they filled the house.

They are most known for playing at the Westin Resort, Riu Palace and Chino Latino



every Wednesday night for Latin dancing night. C-Zar has performed with many internationally acclaimed bands and composes and sings his own songs. If you missed him on Saturday, he will be at Chino Latino in The Village tonight till the wee-hours of the morning. □



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The radio man is part of a team of three working for WCBS-FM and WWFS-FM and responsible along with popular morning show host Dan Taylor, for a four-hour program weekdays from 6 to 10 am. Thomas reports the show will be coming back to Aruba, perhaps even a number of times each year, in a quest to entertain and inform 4.4 million regular listeners. The crew of the Dan Taylor Morning Show on 101.1 FM is staying at the Aruba Marriott. Also pictured here Tierra del Sol's second Golf Pro Adam Williamson.

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The couples have been visiting Aruba for more than 20 years. The honoring took place at Divi Village. These couples visited various destinations around the world but always considered Aruba as #1.

They also said that Aruba is their home away from home and that's why they come back every year to enjoy our kind people, our hospitality and because they feel safe on the island.

During the years they brought different families and friends so they also can enjoy our Paradise called Aruba. Pictured are the honorees with Mrs. Hilda Mills, Divi Village Activity Coordinator and Rayon Koolman of the Aruba Tourism Authority. □



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Pictured: Mr. Ricardo Croes together with David & Leslie Oie also Linda from the Renaissance Ocean Suites. □

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'Acknowledge obesity as a chronic disease'

WILLEMSTAD--Obesity should be acknowledged as a chronic disease in the Netherlands Antilles, several Parliament members argued during the consideration of the report "Obesity, the Silent Epidemic" in a public meeting last week Thursday. The recommendations of the report drawn up by the Ad Hoc Committee on Approach to Overweight and Obesity received liberal support. The members considered the report, presented at the end of May, commendable and especially committee Chairwoman Jacqueline Spencer (PAR), who lost as much as 15 kilos during the committee's activities, was spoken of highly.

In her introduction, she emphasised that controlling overweight and obesity was a matter that concerned the entire community. She pointed out that billions of dollars were allocated to control obesity in the United States.

The treatment of obesity in the Antilles is a difficult matter, as it is not acknowledged as a chronic disease. The committee's proposal, which argued for an acknowledgment, was also applauded by the members, as this would make the approach to obesity structural.

Several parliamentarians therefore argued in favour of accompanying this acknowledgment with a liability, so that medical insurers would reimburse the treatment of overweight and obesity.

During the course of the debate, several members openly spoke out against the large portions and especially fatty foods consumed on the Antillean islands. In particular the fast food and Chinese restaurants took the rap for this.

Reginald Zaandam (DP-Statia) spoke up for the fast food restaurants. "The committee did sit around the table with them. They acknowledged that they play a role in the approach to this problem, but they are waiting for government to take action, which is not forthcoming."

Nevertheless, especially the Chinese restaurants endured considerable criticism. There were calls for legal measures to curb the selling of fatty and unhealthy food.

In view of this, independent member Anthony Nicolaas of Bonaire asked his colleagues why the Chinese "do not die before they get old, when people from Curaçao and Bonaire do. I have asked Chinese people whether they eat Chinese food. They indicated that they only ate cooked and non-greasy food. "They serve us fatty food and we end up catching all kinds of diseases. You will find a Chinese restaurant on every corner of the street. This is not good for our health. Measures must be taken, because if nothing is done, we will all become ill," according to Nicolaas.

There was also criticism of the media and of the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee. For example, Ray Hassell

of Saba contradicted that the committee had occupied itself with outings, while Pedro Atacho (PAR) and Dudley Lucia (PNP) commented critically on press statements that Parliament had better things to do with its time than researching overweight and obesity.

According to Lucia, it was the task of Parliament to carry out the research, as it concerns the general welfare of the population.

Opposition member Dwigno Purial (MAN) for his part dwelled on the necessity to especially involve youngsters

in the information campaigns against overweight and obesity. "We need something structural. One week of consuming healthy food and a march against overweight is not effective. We require a durable and integral approach," he said.

FOL member Mirna Louis-Godett argued for making the report available to the community, so that people could use it as a guideline for a healthy life.

All members agreed that the report should not disappear in some drawer. At the closing of the meeting the Ad Hoc

Committee was dissolved, although it is the intention that the Public Health committee will concentrate on the follow-up in cooperation with government.

The most important recommendations from the report Obesity, the Silent Epidemic are: – A thorough prevention policy; – National information campaign for a healthy lifestyle; – National coordinating centre against obesity and overweight; – Acknowledgment of extreme overweight as a chronic disease; – Close cooperation among all involved parties.



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There's always been an element of adventure and excitement for SCUBA divers. Now, one enterprising dive operator on the Caribbean Island of Curacao wants to add yet ANOTHER element of Caribbean vacation excitement for divers by offering "helidives" or dives via helicopter. Niels Jorissen, owner of Dive Charter Curacao, has been taking adventurous divers to their dive site via his helicopter since November of last year.

"One of my local divers told me about a helicopter that kept coming close to the water and that got me thinking. I called the owner/pilot for that company and asked him if we could dive from his helicopter."

He said 'no problem' and a week later we were all geared up and in the water."

Jorissen, who also offers a variety of traditional dive packages from his facility just outside of downtown Willemstad, said the experience is unique and something divers talk about for a long time following the dive.

The most popular site? The Superior Producer wreck, which is just a 5-10 minute flight from downtown. Jorissen explains that the "drop" is a one-way thing. The divers, usually are taken to the site in pairs, are dropped into the water at a height of around 10 feet. They descend immediately and enjoy their dive. When they surface, they join the dive boat that is there waiting to pick them up.

So far, there have been no accidents, but there have been many smiling faces and unique photos for diver's walls back at home.

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Aruba Marriott hosts welcome dinner for US West Coast travel agents.



PALM BEACH - On Friday August 7th, the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino hosted a West Coast US Fam trip, organized by the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA). The group consisted of 9 travel agents from the West Coast and ATA's West Coast Sales Manager Jan Allen and ATA's PR representative Rayon Koolman.

The group first was invited to a site inspection, exploring the highlights of the recent \$50 million renovation at this resort, followed by a welcome dinner at Marriott's La Vista restaurant, hosted by Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi. Some agents tried the popular Italian dinner buffet of La Vista, while others went for the mouthwatering "Caribbean Lobster" or "Churrasco Steak". For most of the travel agents, it was their first visit to Aruba and they all showed great interest in Aruba and the Aruba Marriott. The Fam trip participants had several other site inspections scheduled and some fun activities throughout the weekend of August 7th- August 10th.

In the attached picture : The West Coast US Fam Trip group pictured in La Vista restaurant located at the Aruba Marriott, together with Marriott's Sales & Marketing Coordinator Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi. □

ORANJESTAD – Earlier this week, the Aruba Tourism Authority announced that the legendary band Earth, Wind & Fire will perform at the 8th Annual Aruba Music Festival to be held October 9 & 10. Earth, Wind & Fire is simply one of the most important, innovative, and celebrated contemporary Pop/R&B music forces of the 20th century. The band has had a remarkable career spanning over four decades with accolades, awards and record-breaking achievements.

Earth, Wind & Fire's signature sound is not easily categorized and since its inception has been profoundly influential...musically, socially, and spiritually. The musical vision has fused Pop, R&B, Rock, Latin, Funk, Jazz, and African Music into one unique sound. Successfully breaking all musical genre boundaries with 23 albums, Earth, Wind & Fire have recorded eight #1 R&B singles and eight Double Platinum Top 10 Pop Albums over their career.

Earth, Wind & Fire have received 20 Grammy Award nominations and have won six awards as a group; additionally its founding members individually (Maurice White & Philip Bailey) have each won two, totaling eight Grammy Awards. In 2004, Earth, Wind & Fire received the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (N.A.R.A.S.) Signature Governor's Award.

They have earned more than 50 Gold and Platinum albums and have sold over 90 million albums worldwide earning them a place on the list of best selling music artists of all time. VH1 ranked Earth, Wind & Fire number 60 on their list of the 100 Greatest Artists of Rock & Roll. Rolling Stone Magazine declared the group "changed the sound of black pop."

President Obama invited Earth, Wind & Fire to perform in the East Room at the White House for the first social event of the new administration. Earth, Wind & Fire made international news when President Obama declared in an interview with Rolling Stone Magazine that the group was among his favorites. He said they are "rhythm and blues and pop staples for me."

Earth, Wind & Fire's career achievements have been acknowledged and earned them their place in musical history. Earth, Wind & Fire have been inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (2000); they

October 9 & 10 for the Aruba Music Festival

Earth, Wind & Fire to perform in Aruba

have received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame (1995) and Hollywood's Rockwalk (2003). That same year they received the Vocal Group Hall of Fame Award (2003). The music industry and fans have bestowed Lifetime Achievement honors from ASCAP (Rhythm & Soul Heritage Award - 2002), NAACP (Hall of Fame - 1994) and the BET Awards (Life Time Achievement Award 2002). Two Earth, Wind & Fire classic songs have been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame: "That's The Way of The World" (2004) and "Shining Star" (2007). Earth, Wind & Fire have 12 American Music Awards nominations and four awards and the group received the Entertainer Award at the 2009 TV Land Awards.

Earth, Wind & Fire are the first African-American performers to sell out Madison Square Garden and to receive the MSG Gold Ticket Award. Earth, Wind & Fire is the first African-American group to receive the Columbia Records Crystal Globe Award for selling the most albums internationally.

The principals of Earth, Wind & Fire: Philip Bailey, Verdine White, and Ralph Johnson have received honorary doctorate degrees from the Arts & Media College at Columbia College in Chicago. Co-Founders Philip Bailey and Maurice White have earned honorary doctorate degrees at Berklee College of Music.

The group's Grammy Awards have exemplified Earth, Wind & Fire's relevance and the connection with contemporary R&B and Pop artists by showcasing the group twice in the 2005 and 2007 television event. The musical highlight at the 2005 broadcast was Earth, Wind & Fire joining forces with Outkast, in what was the Hip Hop group's last television appearance together. In 2007, Earth,



Wind & Fire performed on the Grammys with the top nominees Ludacris and Mary J. Blige in a heartfelt poignant message to raise the social conciseness of teenage run-aways.

Many of today's contemporary Grammy Award winning music artists have named Earth, Wind & Fire as their musical influence or have announced that they are die hard fans, including: Beyoncé, Usher and Prince (he thanked Earth, Wind & Fire in his induction acceptance speech at the British Hall of Fame). Alicia Keys proclaims that Earth, Wind & Fire is "the best band ever." Mary J. Blige has shown her appreciation to the band by re-recording one of the bands hit songs "Imagination." Miles Davis described Earth, Wind & Fire as his "all time favorite band" saying "they have everything (horns, electric guitar, singers, and more) in one band" Quincy Jones has proclaimed himself to be the "biggest fan of Earth, Wind & Fire since day one."

The Black Eyed Peas took the stage with Earth, Wind & Fire for a performance at the Super Bowl XXIX, and then an encore by opening the 57th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards together.

Earth, Wind & Fire's songs have been covered by recording artists Jerry Garcia Band, Point of Grace, D'Angelo, Lenny White, Patti LaBelle, The Manhattans, Wynonna Judd, Yoland Adams, Incognito, Chaka Khan, Dionne Warwick, the Vienna Boys choir, Herb Albert, Musiq and Tito Puente.

Their songs have also been sampled by numerous artists some of which include: A Tribe Called Quest, Wyclef Jean, Jay-Z, Amerie, The Fugees, LL Cool J, De La Soul, Common, Quenn Pen, Naughty by Nature, P. Diddy, The Roots, Will Smith, Cee-Lo, Mc Lyte and

Music artist who name Earth, Wind & Fire as a major influence or inspiration include Usher, wil i am, Mary J Blige, Cherish, Prince, Pharrell Williams, The Neptunes, Jon Secada, Wyclef Jean, Common, Phil Collins, Boney James, Angie Stone, The All American Rejects, Jesse McCartney, Mint Condition, Solange, Babyface, Outkast, Jamiroquai, Marcus Miller, Omarion, Eric Benet, Sheila E., Erykah Badu, Jamie Foxx, Fall Out Boy, Meshell Ndegeocello, Wynton Marsalis, and Mario.

In keeping with the group's spiritual legacy the very principals of which the group was founded and derived its name from, Earth, Wind & Fire has stood for and profoundly believes in the circle of returning the benefits of success by giving back through supporting the continuation of raising funds and the consciousness of important social issues.

The Inaugural 2005 Grammy Jam charity event honored Earth, Wind & Fire. The benefit event that was supported by Stevie Wonder, wil.i.am, Indie Arie, Usher and Kanye West performing classic Earth, Wind & Fire hit songs. Fans in the audience, including Prince, were mesmerized. Proceeds from the evening went to many non-profit organizations: The GRAMMY Foundation, California State Summer School for the Arts, the Los Angeles Chapter Scholarship Program, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), and For The Arts.

The group's founders have instituted charitable programs that have a direct endowment to local and national music and arts initiatives. Philip Bailey started the organization called Music is Unity Foundation and Verdine White introduced Wright Life Arts Center for the Youth. Earth, Wind & Fire appeared and performed on the first American Idol Gives Back special. The program raised money and awareness with the effect of poverty on children and young people in the US and Africa.

Earth, Wind, & Fire remains to this day a top musical phenomenon with a catalog of mega-hits spanning over forty years. Their influences have changed the course of music and perhaps the spiritual conciseness around the world. □

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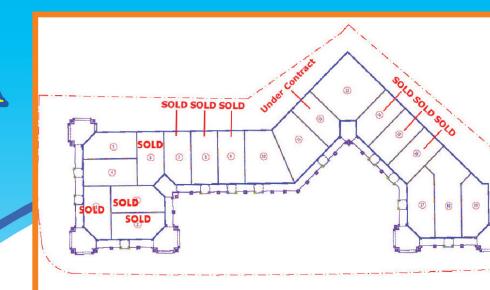
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lot of experience with this kind of specific Oud Hollands Café in the Netherlands. The interior of Café de Pijp, which is almost 60 m², has been constructed with dark wood materials which give the ambiance a very cozy and warm feeling.

They play all kinds of music, from Dutch, to English to Latin American. Every day you can enjoy the peanut consumption with your favorite drink. This peanut concept "Pelpinda's" is a typical Dutch custom, where the guests of the Dutch bar peel their peanuts and throw the shells on the floor and enjoy doing it! When entering the Dutch bar and encountering all the peanut shells on the floor, don't be surprised, as this is one of the most common custom for a typical Old Dutch Bar in the Netherlands.

Café de Pijp will have several activities programmed for its guests in the near future. These activities include Dart competitions among other cafes and guests, Karaoke nights, Jazz nights and Salsa nights. **Café de Pijp serves delicious snacks for its guests and invites their customers to enjoy these snacks free of charge on Friday afternoons.** Café de Pijp will also have their "Pijpjesavond" where one can buy beer at a very inexpensive price. Café de Pijp will also offer



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Geoffrey and witnessed by family and friends. The dream wedding was coordinated by Carolina of the Riu Resort Wedding Department. Jennifer and Michael were engaged last year on Aruba at the Hyatt Regency and started making plans immediately to



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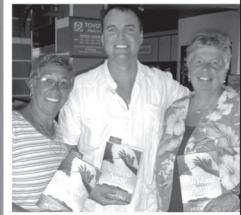
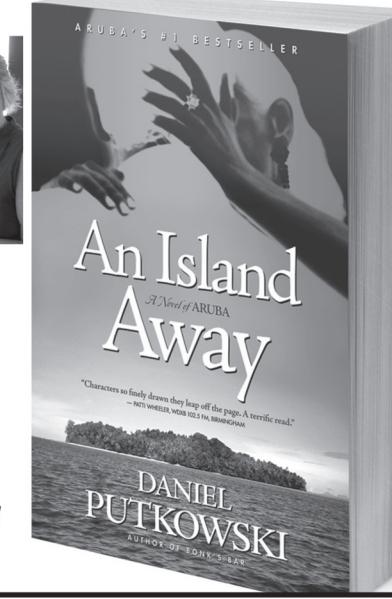
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Energy prices slump after Labor Department report

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Energy prices slumped Tuesday on a Labor Department report that suggested consumer spending, a major economic driver, may be depressed for some time as companies cut back.

Benchmark crude for September delivery fell \$1.15 to settle at \$69.45 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It was the fourth straight day of declines and the first time this month that the price for crude dipped below \$69.

The national average for retail gas fell for the first time in three weeks.

Oil prices have ended the week higher for five straight weeks, a period that coincides with earnings reports from U.S. companies. The results appeared surprisingly healthy, which gave energy prices a boost on the belief that the recession has loosened its grip.

While that may be true, data from the Labor Department Tuesday again showed that company profits were in many cases buoyed by less spending on employee pay.

The Labor Department reported that productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, rose at an annual rate of 6.4 percent in the April-June quarter.

In normal economic times companies might pay more for workers and increase production. Yet companies during the recession have instead frozen hiring and cut hours to prop up profits.

If workers are not getting the

hours they need, the pullback on spending for everything from gasoline to products made from petroleum, will likely remain depressed. That has already happened this year.

The Energy Information Administration in its short-term energy outlook Tuesday said U.S. consumption of liquid fuels will fall by 4.1 percent this year. The falloff in gasoline sales has been tempered somewhat because it's become so cheap compared with past years.

The average pump price fell two-tenths of a penny overnight to \$2.643, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. That's about 8 cents higher than last week but around \$1.17 cheaper than at this point last year.

In fact, you'd have to go back as far as 2005 to find gasoline so cheap at this time of year. Pump prices have followed crude upward for several weeks, however.

Crude prices rose early in the day on reports from China that the nation's exports, retail sales and factory output improved in July, and the country imported a record 4.6 million barrels of fuel a day last month.

The market reversed course when the Labor Department released its report and oil prices fell 2 percent.

The monthly forecast by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries also may have helped pushed energy prices down. OPEC — responsible for about a third of the world's crude production — said it expected demand to

fall by 1.65 million barrels a day this year, compared with last year, before rising in 2010.

The Federal Reserve on Tuesday begins a two-day meeting that could shed more light on the U.S. economy. An interest-rate hike is highly unlikely, but people want to hear what the Fed will say about the state of the economy,

said Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates.

"By and large, we're just taking a little of this economic optimism out of the market right now and responding to the possibility that we're going to see a more stable currency environment going forward," he said.

The falling dollar has helped

push crude prices up because oil is priced in the U.S. currency. The EIA predicted Tuesday that gas prices will average around \$2.34 per gallon in 2009.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for September delivery gained 1.38 cents to settle at \$2.9422 a gallon and heating oil fell 1.59 cents to settle at \$1.9117. □

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Stocks fall as traders await Fed's take on economy



The New York Stock Exchange. Federal Reserve policymakers open a two-day meeting Tuesday expected to maintain aggressive efforts to jolt the US economy from recession, while mulling an "exit strategy" for when recovery takes root.

(AFP/File/Stan Honda)

By STEPHEN BERNARD
and TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Traders are pulling back as they worry what the Federal Reserve will say about the economy.

Stocks slid Tuesday as Fed policymakers met for the first of a two-day meeting that could provide new insight into how the economy is faring. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 70 points and bond prices jumped as investors looked for the safety of government

debt.

It is widely expected that the Fed will hold interest rates steady at near zero, but investors are waiting to see what the central bank has to say in its assessment of the economy when the meeting concludes Wednesday.

"It's pretty clear that a lot of people are pulling back any bets pending what is going to happen with the Fed," said Max Bublitz, chief strategist at SCM Advisors in San Francisco.

Investors also grappled with mixed economic reports and downbeat comments from an influential analyst.

Stocks extended their losses after the Commerce Department said businesses cut inventories at the wholesale level for a record 10th consecutive month in June. The drop has contributed to the recession. In one bright spot, sales rose 0.4 percent for a second straight month, the first back-to-back increases in a year.

Financial stocks saw some of the steepest losses after analyst Richard Bove of Rochdale Securities wrote in a research note that bank earnings won't improve in the third or even the fourth quarter and that many companies will post losses. He said investors should lock in profits after a surge in bank stocks since early March. "It just takes the euphoria feelings off the table," said Dave Rovelli, managing director of trading at brokerage Canaccord Adams, referring to Bove's comments and recent optimism among investors. With many traders on vacation, volume was light, which tends to skew price moves.

In late afternoon trading, the Dow fell 71.87, or 0.8 percent, to 9,266.08. It had been down as much as 121 points.

The broader Standard &

Poor's 500 index fell 9.59, or 1 percent, to 997.51, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 16.97, or 0.9 percent, to 1,975.27.

Falling stocks outpaced those that rose 5-to-2 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 841.5 million shares compared with 745.1 million traded Monday.

The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index spiked. The VIX, also known as the market's fear index, rose 3.5 percent to 25.88, its highest level in a month. It's down 35.3 percent in 2009 and its historical average is 18-20. It reached a record 89.5 in October at the height of the financial crisis.

Analysts say the market's retreat is a sign of health because the S&P 500 index had jumped 15 percent in just four weeks and 49 percent from a 12-year low in early March. Erik Davidson, managing director of investments at Wells Fargo Bank in Carmel, Calif., said investors shouldn't look too much into the day's slide because it follows such big gains. He said he wouldn't be surprised to see stocks drop 10 percent or more.

"We've gone up in such a straight line," he said. "I don't think there's too much to make of it at this point."

Bond prices rose as stocks

retreated. The gains followed a solid showing at the first of the week's three auctions for a record \$75 billion in debt. Prices often fall when the government introduces supply to the market. The sale Tuesday was for \$37 billion in three-year notes.

Investors are on guard for a drop in buyers because that could force the government to increase the interest it pays, which would drive up borrowing costs for consumers and slow an economic recovery.

The yield on the three-year note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 1.73 percent from 1.78 percent late Monday. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.69 percent from 3.78 percent. Among banks, Citigroup Inc. fell 20 cents, or 5.1 percent, to \$3.74. Wells Fargo & Co. slid \$1.53, or 5.3 percent, to \$27.11.

The KBW Bank Index, which tracks 24 of the nation's largest banks, fell 3.8 percent.

Analyst downgrades made traders cautious about the overall economy.

Bond insurer MBIA Inc. tumbled 77 cents, or 12.5 percent, to \$5.40 after J.P. Morgan Securities cut its rating on the stock over concerns the company could face steep losses from bad debt. □

Dollar mixed on eve of US interest rate call

LONDON (AFP) — The dollar gained narrowly against the euro but slid heavily against the yen on Tuesday, the eve of a US interest rate decision, as the Japanese currency gained support from Chinese economic data.

In trading here, the European single currency slipped to 1.4125 dollars from 1.4135 dollars in New York late on Monday, wiping out gains earlier in the day.

Against the Japanese unit, the dollar fell to 95.91 yen from 97.17 yen late Monday. The euro was also down against the yen, to 135.47 yen from 137.39 yen late Monday.

Financial markets are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the US Federal Reserve's two-day policy meeting, which kicks off on Tuesday.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) gathering is widely anticipated to hold its key federal funds rate unchanged at a historically low range of zero to 0.25 percent to spur lending and economic activity.

Investors are watching to see whether it will give any hints about how long it will continue its highly stimulative monetary policy.

"The market has entered a holding pattern,

awaiting the FOMC decision," said Citi economists. "We believe that extension of the Fed's QE (quantitative easing) operations is unlikely but that rate hike expectations are overdone."

Analyst Jane Foley of Forex.com said sterling, after a surprisingly large increase in QE last week, "is trading on a softer note versus the dollar, the euro and the yen."

She said trading was motivated by the fear that the Bank of England's inflation report due Wednesday would contain "another serving of gloom."

The dollar had jumped in value last Friday on news that the US unemployment rate fell to 9.4 percent in July as job losses in the month narrowed to 247,000.

The better-than-expected numbers sparked hope of an end to the deep US recession.

"The expected better performance of the US economy against that of the eurozone therefore is one of our most important arguments supporting our expectation of a dollar appreciation," said Commerzbank analyst Ulrich Leuchtmann. □

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By: Dr Carlos Viana

"Be still my beating heart," a romantic phrase used to denote, breathless excitement as early as the 1600's brought on by strong emotions of love. This extra heart beating or sometimes, skipping of a heartbeat, as in "my heart stood still" is known medically as temporary cardiac arrhythmia. Arrhythmias of the romantic type usually do not cause permanent problems. However, some arrhythmias may be life-threatening and need medical attention.

An arrhythmia is a disruption in the rhythm of the constant beating or contraction of the heart. The primary function of the heart is to pump blood with its life giving nutrients to all parts of the body. Each heartbeat is controlled by electrical impulses which travel through the heart. In a normal heart, these electrical impulses occur in regular intervals. When something goes wrong with the heart's electrical system, the heartbeat becomes irregular, called arrhythmia.

An arrhythmia can be silent and not cause any obvious symptoms. A doctor can detect an irregular heartbeat during a physical exam by taking your pulse or through an electrocardiogram (ECG). People who do feel their heart beating irregularly tell me that they get a feeling of skipped heart beats, fluttering or feeling that their heart is racing or "running away". Other symptoms can include: pounding in your chest, dizziness or feeling light-headed, fainting, shortness of breath,

My Beating Heart

chest discomfort, weakness or fatigue.

A region of the human heart called the sinoatrial node (SA node) or pacemaker, sets the rate and timing at which the heart contracts. The SA node is the conductor of the electrical impulses. The contractions of the heart are controlled by chemical impulses. The chemicals that produce the heart impulses are potassium, sodium, and calcium. The rate at which these impulses fire controls the heart beat rate. The flow of these minerals in and out of heart cells is what makes the heart beat or contract and rest.

All cells require calcium for numerous functions. Most of us know how important calcium is for our bones. A deficiency or excess of calcium in the body causes problems with the nerves and muscles. Since the heart is a muscle, changes in the amount of calcium in the blood can cause the heart to beat slower or more rapidly. This change sometimes causes confusion or even coma. When a patient tells me that their heart skipped a beat, I make sure to send them to do a blood test to find out if they have too much calcium moving freely through their blood.

Too much free calcium in the blood is an acquired condition called hypercalcemia. Use of diuretics (water reducing products) or too much vitamin D supplementation can increase the amount of free calcium in

your blood, as can several more factors. Excessive consumption of milk and milk products which are high in calcium and certain antacids, especially calcium carbonate or sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) are a big problem in today's diets. If you use antacids often, you should not also use milk products. Modern diets have more calcium than magnesium, which is needed to carry the calcium into the bones. Calcium found in plant form is more readily available and absorbed in the body than pasteurized cow's milk. Cows are supposed to eat green plants like grass to get their calcium. Humans should get their calcium from green vegetables such as broccoli and spinach. Brown rice, almonds and some beans are also good plant sources of calcium.

Standard treatment of arrhythmia includes pharmaceutical drugs and implanted automatic defibrillators or artificial pacemakers. These produce electrical impulses synthetically through the heart. However natural methods work well in prevention. Relaxation techniques to reduce stress such as deep breathing exercises, yoga, meditation, or acupuncture are a good start. If you smoke, get help to stop, acupuncture and natural supplements such as 5 HTP (5 Hydroxy-tryptophan) can help. Hypnosis is also a proven support. Limiting intake of caffeine, alcohol and stimulant

drugs, especially those found in some over the counter cough and cold medications. Some such medications contain ingredients that promote irregular heart rhythms. Learn to read labels.

If you notice that your irregular heart rhythm occurs more often with certain activities such as strenuous exercise, you should avoid them. I include magnesium supplementation in all my patients to help carry more calcium into the bones and support the delicate balance of heart minerals. Beans, carrots, avocados and bananas are all good sources of potassium.

People with arrhythmia have a greater chance of developing heart disease. Heart disease is still the number one cause of death in the Western World. Obesity and high blood pressure can also contribute to arrhythmia and increased risk of developing heart disease. Although, high cholesterol is a popular belief in contributing to heart disease risk, half of all heart attacks occur in people with normal cholesterol levels. There are good (HDL) and bad cholesterols (LDL and Triglycerides). Diet and lifestyle are also vital in controlling this, but that's another article.

Get The Point! Before you begin drugs to correct your heartbeat, have a blood test to check your free calcium levels. A clinical nutritionist can help you balance your levels of calcium, potassium and magnesium with natural foods and supplements before your "heart stands still," while they do surgery to place a



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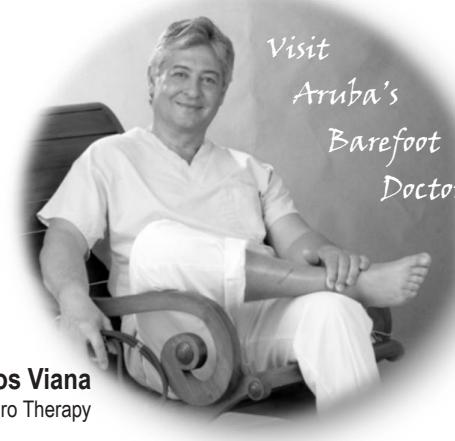
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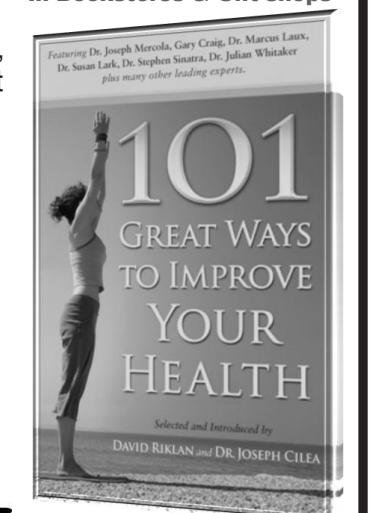
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Aspirin shows promise for colon cancer patients

By CARLA K. JOHNSON,

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Score another win for the humble aspirin. A study suggests colon cancer patients who took the dirt-cheap wonder drug reduced their risk of death from the disease by nearly 30 percent.

Aspirin already is recommended for preventing heart attacks and strokes, along with its traditional use for relief of minor aches and pains. Its merit in colon cancer prevention has been tempered by its side effects, bleeding from irritation of the stomach or intestines.

The new study suggests patients who already have colon cancer may benefit from taking aspirin along with surgery and chemotherapy. In a separate analysis of a subgroup of patients, only those with the most common type of tumor, those that overproduce the Cox-2 enzyme, saw a benefit.

"The paper is absolutely incredible, and I don't gush normally," said Dr. Alfred Neugut of Columbia University Medical Center in New York who has done similar research but was not involved in the new study. In an accompanying editorial, Neugut wrote that the study "comes as close as it can to offering patients a way to help themselves."

"This is certainly something patients would want to discuss with their doctors," said Dr. Andrew Chan of Harvard Medical School in Boston, who led the study, which appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. It's too early for an across-the-board recommendation however, both Chan and Neugut said. The results should be confirmed in an experiment where patients would be randomly assigned to take aspirin or a dummy pill. A study based in Singapore that's now recruiting patients may verify aspirin's benefit.

Chan's study was observational, meaning researchers merely observed what patients were already doing, such as taking aspirin regularly for headaches. It's possible that factors other than aspirin accounted for the difference in cancer deaths.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States after lung cancer. The National Cancer Institute estimates that nearly 50,000 Americans will die from it this year.

The researchers analyzed data from two large ongoing studies, the Nurses' Health Study and the Health Professionals Follow-up Study.

They looked at nearly 1,300 people with colorectal cancer who'd been followed for an average of 12 years. All the patients in the study had surgery for colon cancer and many also had chemotherapy.

Among the 549 participants who used aspirin regularly after their diagnosis, 81 died from colorectal cancer (about 15 percent). In contrast, among the 730 people who didn't use aspirin, 141 died of the disease (about 19 percent).

Taking into account other cancer risk factors, such as family history, the researchers calculated aspirin's overall benefit: a 29 percent reduction in risk of cancer death.

"It's exciting that an inexpensive, commonly used medication may be of benefit among this group of patients who are worried about having their cancer recur," Chan said.

About one-third of the tumors could be tested for Cox-2. Aspirin helped only those patients whose tumors tested positive for the enzyme. That makes sense, Chan said, because aspirin blocks the enzyme, which is thought to play a role in cancer's spread.

If aspirin becomes the standard of care in colon cancer, testing for Cox-2 may become routine, Neugut said. That wouldn't add much to costs, he said, because tumor tissue already is tested and a Cox-2 test could be easily added. □

AsiaPac to treat million HIV patients by 2011: UNAIDS



The Asia Pacific region is on target to treat a million HIV-positive people with antiretroviral drugs within the next two years, Prasanda Rao, UN AIDS regional director has said.

*(AFP/Sonny Tumbelaka)
Photo Tools*

NUSA DUA, Indonesia (AFP) – The Asia Pacific region is on target to treat a million HIV-positive people with antiretroviral drugs within the next two years, a UN body said Monday.

Around 565,000 people in the region are already receiving treatment, UNAIDS regional

director Prasanda Rao said, adding he was "confident" of getting the medicine to another half-a-million people by 2011.

"We're half-way through. There are still about 500,000 more who need to be covered by antiretroviral treatment (before we) reach the universal access target," he told reporters on the sidelines of the ninth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) in Bali, Indonesia. An estimated five million Asians are living with HIV, many of them in Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines and Indonesia, according to a UN report released last year.

"At any one point, 20 percent

(of the people living with HIV)

would be needing treatment," he said.

The one-million figure means "the region will be able to achieve something substantial in terms of putting people on treatment" even though "new infections continue to occur", he said.

"I'm very confident we will be able to achieve it... because more money is coming from global funding," he added.

Michel Kazatchkine, who heads the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, said nearly 1.5 billion dollars will go towards helping countries worldwide combat HIV/AIDS this year and next.

One-fifth of the HIV/AIDS budget goes to Asia Pacific countries, he said, adding that the money will be split "50-50 between prevention and treatment" of the disease.

Rao told reporters that up to 80 percent of HIV-positive people in Thailand, Cambodia and Laos were receiving treatment, but some other countries were only managing to reach 10 to 15 percent.

Delegates from 65 nations are attending the meeting, which runs until Thursday, to discuss topics ranging from HIV risks among migrant workers to the impact of the financial crisis on those with the disease. □

Studies: New osteoporosis drug cuts fracture risk

By LINDA A. JOHNSON,

Associated Press Writer

A first-of-its-kind osteoporosis drug lowers the risk of bone fractures as well as or better than current medicines, studies in older women and men with prostate cancer suggest. Wall Street sees Amgen Inc.'s genetically engineered denosumab as a potential blockbuster crucial to the company's future. But given the crowded market of treatments for the bone-thinning disease, doctors see its expected high cost as a big drawback.

"It'll find a particular niche where it'll be used, but I don't see it as taking over the market," said Dr. Sundeep Khosla, a professor and osteoporosis researcher at the Mayo Clinic not involved in the studies.

Still, he called the drug a "tour de force of modern molecular medicine" because it is potent and was designed specifically to block one pathway involved in the natural breakdown of bone cells. The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday released its review of denosumab, with staff citing an elevated infection risk. That data comes just ahead of a meeting Thursday when outside advisers will weigh the drug's safety and effectiveness and recommend whether to approve it.

In early afternoon trading, Amgen shares rose \$1.36, or 2.2 percent, at \$62.61 as the broader markets declined.

Denosumab, an injection just under the skin

given only twice a year, would have to compete against eight major types of pills and injected medicines, including estrogen and generic and brand-name Fosamax, the first drug approved for osteoporosis.

Most of those must be given more often, with pills swallowed once a day, week or month, a nasal spray inhaled daily, and one injection under the skin given daily. But another injection given intravenously is only needed once a year, and estrogen, while out of fashion because of its link to breast cancer, is available in skin patches changed once or twice a week.

Those drugs' retail prices can range from about \$385 a year for generic Fosamax, to between \$1,130 and \$1,350 for most brand-name pills, to \$11,100 a year for injected Forteo. Genetically engineered drugs, made by altering a cell's DNA or other genetic material, all cost more than \$10,000 a year.

Global sales of osteoporosis treatments, including hundreds of vitamin brands, exceeded \$8.3 billion last year, according to data from IMS Health.

Analyst Steve Brozak of WBB Securities said denosumab should exceed the \$1 billion a year sales threshold for blockbusters, but it's unclear given the recession.

"You're going to have blowback by insurers" over how much they are willing to pay, he said, but Amgen might try to charge more than \$10,000 per year. □



FILE - In this July 7, 2006 file photo, Dr. Conrad Murray poses for a photo in Houston. A law enforcement official says Michael Jackson's doctor gave the pop star multiple sedatives along with a powerful anesthetic that the singer used to sleep.

(AP Photo/Houston Chronicle, File)

AP Source: Jackson doc bought anesthetic in Vegas

By KEN RITTER and THOMAS WATKINS, Associated Press Writers

LAS VEGAS — A law enforcement official says Michael Jackson's personal physician purchased a powerful anesthetic from a Las Vegas pharmacy.

Federal and local authorities searched Applied Pharmacy Services on Tuesday morning. The official said agents uncovered evidence that Dr. Conrad Murray legally purchased the anesthetic propofol there.

The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Jackson's death is being investigated as a manslaughter and propofol, which Jackson took as a sleep aid, is a main focus. Murray's attorney Edward Chernoff had no immediate comment.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. Check back soon for further information. AP's earlier story is below.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police and federal drug agents searched a pharmacy Tuesday as part of the investigation into Michael Jackson's death.

Drug Enforcement Administration agents and Los Angeles and Las Vegas police served a sealed search warrant and a notice of inspection around 9:20 a.m. at Applied Pharmacy Services, several miles west of the Las Vegas Strip.

"They are looking at everything that was provided by that pharmacy," including records of controlled substances, DEA spokesman Jose Martinez said.

Dr. Conrad Murray of Las Vegas, Jackson's personal physician who was with the pop star when he died in Los Angeles on June 25, is the focus of what Los Angeles police have called a manslaughter investigation. He has not been charged and police have stopped short of calling him a suspect.

Authorities previously served search warrants at Murray's Las Vegas home and his businesses in Las Vegas and Houston. It was not immediately clear whether Murray had business dealings with Applied Pharmacy.

Investigators are also looking into Jackson's interactions with at least six other doctors, court documents show.

Authorities are trying to determine to what extent medications may have contributed to Jackson's death at age 50. Murray told investigators he administered the powerful anesthetic propofol and multiple sedatives to Jackson in the hours before he died, a law enforcement official has told The Associated Press. □



FILE - In this May 15, 2009 file photo, Academy Award winner Jennifer Hudson appears on NBC 'Today' television show in New York.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

Jennifer Hudson gives birth to a son

NEW YORK — Jennifer Hudson has a new role — that of a proud mother.

The 27-year-old Oscar winner gave birth to her first child, David Daniel Otunga Jr., on Monday, according to her publicist, Lisa Kasteler of WKT Public Relations. He is named after her fiance, David Otunga. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

"The baby is beautiful and perfect," says Hudson's publicist Lisa Kasteler. "His parents are ecstatic."

Hudson, who is also a Grammy-winning singer, had not confirmed she was expecting before announcing news of the birth.

The entertainer suffered a tragic blow last fall when her mother, brother and nephew were slain in her native Chicago. Her sister's estranged husband is charged with the killings.

Hudson, who gained fame first as a top contender on "American Idol," won an Academy Award for best supporting actress for her portrayal of Effie in "Dreamgirls" in 2007. Earlier this year, she won a Grammy for best R&B album for her self-titled debut CD.

The birth was first reported by the Hollywood Reporter's Showbiz411.com. □

MJ's death reopens old memories for Elvis fans



A tourist pauses at the grave site of Elvis Presley at Graceland, Friday, June 5, 2009 in Memphis, Tenn.

(AP Photo/Greg Campbell)

By JOHN GEROME,
AP Entertainment Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In the days after Michael Jackson's death, Joann Smith couldn't turn off her TV. She felt she was reliving the pain of her own idol's death almost 32 years ago — Elvis Presley.

"I said 'I can't believe it's happening again,'" Smith recalled. "It hurt, it really did. Even though I wasn't a Michael Jackson fan, I could feel the pain because it happened to somebody I had loved, and I know what his family and his fans were going through."

Smith, who is president of the Elvis Fever fan club in Jacksonville, Fla., and millions of others will remember the fallen icon Aug. 16, the day he was found dead in his home at age 42 in 1977, the victim of heart failure worsened by prescription drug abuse.

They are quick to offer advice to Jackson fans: Focus on the pop idol's music and generosity, not his shortcomings or the rumors about his death.

"Don't believe everything you hear and read," Smith warned. "Respect him for what you hear of his music and don't listen to the gossip."

Sandi Pichon of Slidell, La., who says she knew Presley personally and has written two books about him, "Raised on Elvis! Elvis! Elvis!" and "Elvis on Tour '75," says the pain will ease but never lift.

"Much like Elvis, once he touched your life you're

never the same," Pichon said of Jackson. "The comfort they are going to find is listening to his music and relying on his memories and keeping the positive things alive."

Pichon will travel to Presley's Graceland mansion in Memphis for Elvis Week, a nine-day run of festivals and events that began Saturday.

If Presley is any guide, there will be a proliferation of Jackson fanclubs. Elvis Presley Enterprises, a corporate entity created by Presley's trust to run Graceland, recognizes more than 500 active fan clubs around the world.

"It's really nice to get together and reminisce — 'Did you see Elvis in concert?' 'What was it like?' 'I played this record until it was no more and I had to replace it,'" said Geri Vegher, president of Oklahoma Fans for Elvis. "It makes a difference to get together and talk things out and relive your memories. I'd tell Michael Jackson fans to be prepared to do that and to do it with gladness."

Fans say it also helps having Graceland, a bustling museum and tourist site with more than 600,000 people a year passing through its music-note encrusted gates. The 13.8-acre home and grounds include the singer's grave.

"I think it makes a difference," Vegher said. "I stand honor guard every year (at Graceland), and when people go up the hill to the grave site they're laughing, they're talking, they're reliving their memories. But when they come back down on the other side, they're sober, they're crying, they're very emotional."

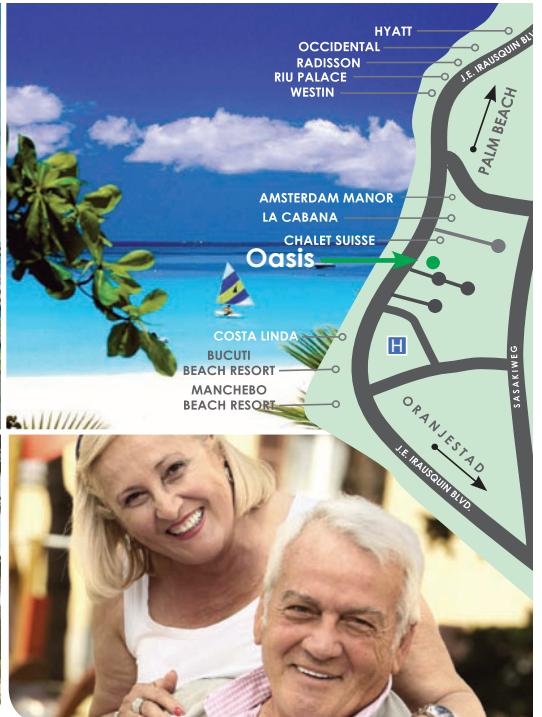
The connections between Presley's Graceland and Jackson's Neverland ranch are strong. Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie, was once married to Jackson, and some of the same questions about the future of Neverland were raised about Graceland.

The Presley estate opened the property as a for-profit museum in 1982 to help pay for upkeep. Graceland has since become one of Memphis' top attractions. □



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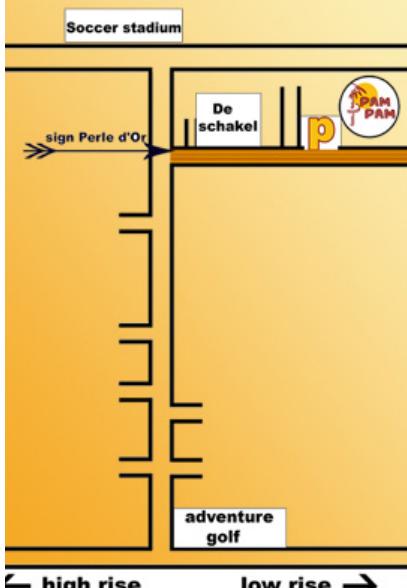
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President Barack Obama listens to a question during a town hall meeting on health care reform, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, at Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth, N.H.

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To friendly crowd, Obama assails health care foes

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

PORSCMOUTH, New Hampshire (AP) — President Barack Obama went on the offensive in support of his health care plan Tuesday, urging a town hall audience not to listen to those who

seek to "scare and mislead the American people."

"For all the scare tactics out there, what is truly scary is if we do nothing," Obama told a friendly crowd of about 1,800 in a high school auditorium and a nationwide audience watching on cable television.

The White House had been ready for an unruly reception from opponents of overhauling health care. There was no sign of that, perhaps because of the makeup of the day's crowd or out of traditional deference for the president.

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Myanmar's Suu Kyi convicted, returned to isolation

DENIS D. GRAY

Associated Press Writer

BANGKOK (AP) — Myanmar's generals have again succeeded in isolating democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, but her fleeting emergence during a grueling trial showed that her steely resolve and charisma remain intact.

A Myanmar court on Tuesday convicted the 64-year-old Nobel Peace laureate of violating her house arrest by allowing an uninvited American to stay at her home. Her sentence of three years in prison with hard labor was quickly commuted to 18 months house arrest after an order from the head of the military-ruled country, Senior Gen. Than Shwe.

Suu Kyi has been in detention for 14 of the

last 20 years, and the extension will remove her from the political scene next year when the junta holds its first election since 1990. Her party won in the polls then but was never allowed to take power.

Her conviction and continued detention were condemned by world leaders and sparked demonstrations in cities from London to Japan. The European Union began preparing new sanctions against the country's military regime and a group of 14 Nobel Laureates, including the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, called on the U.N. Security Council to take strong action against the country.

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JFK's sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver dies



In this Nov. 5, 2006 file photo, Eunice Kennedy Shriver waves to the congregation at Brookings Community AME Church in Los Angeles where she attended church services with daughter Maria Shriver and son-in-law Arnold Schwarzenegger. Shriver, JFK's sister and Special Olympics founder, has died at age 88.

Associated Press

MARK PRATT

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — President John F. Kennedy's sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who carried on the family's public service tradition by founding the Special Olympics and championing the welfare of the mentally disabled, died early Tuesday surrounded by relatives at a Hyannis hospital. She was 88.

Shriver had suffered a series of strokes in recent years and died at Cape Cod Hospital, her family said in a statement. Her husband, her five children and all 19 of her grandchildren were by her side, the statement said.

"She was the light of our lives, a mother, wife, grandmother, sister and aunt who taught us by example and with passion what it means to live a faith-driven life of love and service to others," the family said.

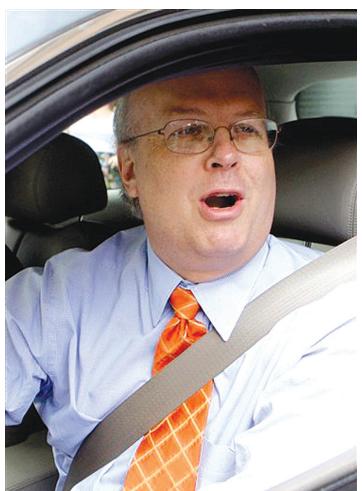
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A man rows past the lake side home of Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, in Yangon, Myanmar. A Myanmar court found Suu Kyi guilty Tuesday of violating her house arrest by allowing an uninvited American to stay at her home. The head of the military-ruled country ordered her to serve an 18-month sentence under house arrest.

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Documents: Rove involved in U.S. attorney firings



In this May 15, 2009 file photo, former White House aide Karl Rove, left, talks to reporters as he leaves a parking garage in Washington, and in this Jan. 26, 2007 file photo, then-outgoing White House Counsel Harriet Miers is interviewed by The Associated Press in her office in the White House in Washington. Rove was deeply involved in the firing of a U.S. attorney in New Mexico, according to White House e-mails and transcripts of closed-door testimony released Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009.

Associated Press

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House political

adviser Karl Rove was deeply involved in the firing of a U.S. attorney in the state of New Mexico, according to White

House e-mails and transcripts of closed-door testimony released Tuesday.

The House Judiciary Committee released more than 5,400 pages of White House and Republican National Committee e-mails, along with transcripts of closed-door testimony by Rove and former White House Counsel Harriet Miers.

The documents show that staffers in Rove's office were actively seeking to have U.S. Attorney David Iglesias removed.

In one e-mail in 2005, Rove aide Scott Jennings sent an e-mail to another Rove aide, saying, "I would really like to move forward with getting rid of NM US ATTY."

Miers testified that Rove complained to her about Iglesias, but she could not recall whether he specifically

said he should be fired.

Iglesias was one of nine U.S. attorneys fired in part for apparently not being sufficiently loyal to the Republican administration.

The ensuing uproar led to a series of damaging revelations about the Bush administration's political meddling with the Justice Department and the eventual resignation of then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, a close friend and adviser to President George W. Bush.

Iglesias said in an interview Tuesday he was nauseated by the whole affair.

"It's exactly what I feared. Over two years ago, I said that all roads lead to Rove," Iglesias said. "I've said consistently that he was highly involved, and now the evidence is there."

Rove's lawyer, Robert Luskin,

did not immediately return a call for comment.

Miers was interviewed by House Judiciary Committee lawyers on June 15. Rove was interviewed July 7 and 30.

"After all the delay and despite all the obfuscation, lies, and spin, this basic truth can no longer be denied: Karl Rove and his cohorts at the Bush White House were the driving force behind several of these firings, which were done for improper reasons," said Rep. John Conyers, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Conyers said he provided a copy of the documents released Tuesday to acting U.S. Attorney Nora Dannehy, who questioned Rove earlier this year to determine his precise role in the Bush administration's politically tinged firings of U.S. attorneys. □

Ex-AG Gonzales discourages possible CIA criminal probe

BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)

— Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Tuesday that any criminal investigation into whether CIA interrogations after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks crossed legal lines could have a chilling effect on U.S. anti-terrorism efforts.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Gonzales said if the Justice Department launches an investigation it "could discourage" CIA operatives from "engaging in conduct that even comes close" to department guidelines.

"So where do you draw the line?" he said. "What is allowed, what's not

allowed?"

Attorney General Eric Holder is weighing whether to name a criminal investigator to determine whether laws were violated during interrogations of terrorism suspects after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

President Barack Obama has said no CIA official who followed legal guidance on interrogations will be prosecuted, but Holder is examining whether any CIA interrogations went so far beyond those instructions that they should face criminal charges. Holder has not yet made a decision whether to launch such an investigation.

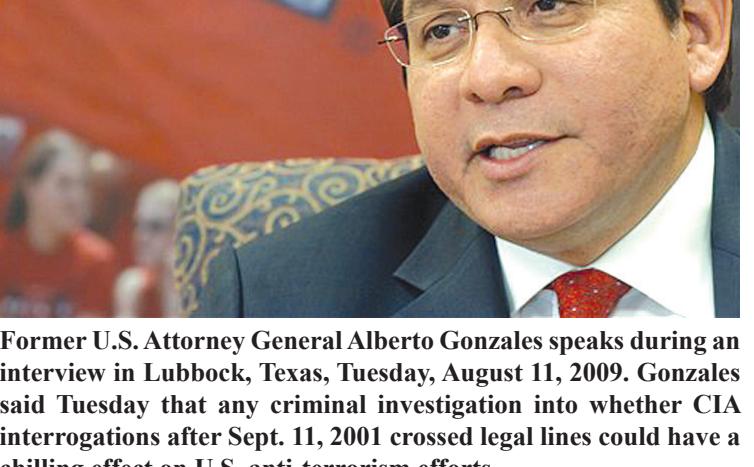
Gonzales, who was former President George W. Bush's attorney general until he

resigned in 2007, said he's talked to CIA lawyers who've heard from the agency's operatives.

"They're very, very concerned about the legal liability and legal exposure," he told the AP. "And that's the danger with launching some kind of investigation. But, again, this is a decision that's got to be made by the current attorney general."

The move would be certain to stir partisan bickering on Capitol Hill. Republicans in Congress have said such a criminal investigation would demonize the CIA and hamper U.S. efforts to fight terrorism in the future. Such an investigation, they contend, could make CIA officials unnecessarily timid in chasing terror suspects, or it could reveal sensitive intelligence techniques.

Gonzales, America's first Hispanic attorney general, was hired last month by Texas Tech University to



Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales speaks during an interview in Lubbock, Texas, Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Gonzales said Tuesday that any criminal investigation into whether CIA interrogations after Sept. 11, 2001 crossed legal lines could have a chilling effect on U.S. anti-terrorism efforts.

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recruit and retain minority students. He will also teach a 15-student political science class, Contemporary Issues of the Executive Branch. He is classified as a visiting professor and has agreed to teach one year. His salary for both positions is \$100,000, school officials have said.

Gonzales acknowledged wishing he could "do some things over" from his time in Washington. He said he made a mistake by using the words "quaint" and "the Geneva Convention" in the

same sentence in a memo he wrote about what privileges terror suspects get while incarcerated under the document.

People used that to paint him as not supportive of the document's principles, Gonzales said.

"Now looking at it...I would not have done that," he said.

"At this level you make mistakes. And if you think this president, this attorney general, this administration isn't going to make mistakes, you're living in a fairy-tale land." □

EUNICE SHRIVER**KENNEDY****Continued from Page B1**

The hospital is near the Kennedy family compound, where her sole surviving brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy, has been battling a brain tumor.

Sen. Kennedy said his earliest memory of his sister was as a young girl "with great humor, sharp wit, and a boundless passion to make a difference." "She understood deeply the lesson our mother and father taught us — much is expected of those to whom much has been given," he said in a statement. "Throughout her extraordinary life, she touched the lives of millions, and for Eunice that was never enough."

President Barack Obama said Shriver will be remembered as "as a champion for people with intellectual disabilities, and as an extraordinary woman who, as much as anyone, taught our nation — and our world — that no physical or mental barrier can restrain the power of the human spirit."

As celebrity, social worker and activist, Shriver was credited with transforming America's view of the mentally disabled from institutionalized patients to friends, neighbors and athletes. Her efforts were inspired in part by the struggles of her mentally disabled sister, Rosemary.

"We have always been honored to share our mother with people of good will the world over who believe, as she did, that there is no limit to the human spirit," her family said in the statement.

Shriver was also the sister of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the wife of 1972 vice presidential candidate and former Peace Corps director R. Sargent Shriver, and the mother of former NBC newswoman Maria Shriver, who is married to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. With Eunice Shriver's death, Jean Kennedy Smith becomes the last surviving Kennedy daughter. Schwarzenegger said his mother-in-law "changed my life by raising such a fantastic daughter, and by putting me on the path to service, starting with drafting me as a coach for the Special Olympics."

A 1960 Chicago Tribune profile of the women in then-candidate JFK's family said Shriver was "generally credited with being the most intellectual and politically minded of all the Kennedy women."

When her brother was in the White House, she pressed for efforts to help troubled young people and the mentally disabled. And in 1968, she started what would become the world's largest athletic competition for mentally disabled children and adults. Now, more than 1 million athletes in more than 160 countries participate in Special Olympics meets each year.

"When the full judgment on the Kennedy legacy is made — including JFK's Peace Corps and Alliance for Progress, Robert Kennedy's passion for civil rights and Ted Kennedy's efforts on health care, work place reform and refugees — the changes wrought by Eunice Shriver may well be seen as the most consequential," Harrison Rainie, author of "Growing Up Kennedy," wrote in U.S. News & World Report in 1993.

It was Shriver who revealed the condition of her sister Rosemary to the nation during her brother's presidency.

"Early in life Rosemary was different," she wrote in a 1962 article for the Saturday Evening Post. "She was slower to crawl, slower to walk and speak. ... Rosemary was mentally retarded." Rosemary Kennedy underwent a lobotomy when she was 23, though that wasn't mentioned in the article. She lived most of her life in an institution in Wisconsin and died in 2005 at age 86.

The roots of the Special Olympics go back to a summer camp Shriver ran in Maryland in 1963. Shriver would "get right in the pool with the kids; she'd toss the ball," said a niece, former Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who volunteered at the camp as a teen. "It's that hands-on, gritty approach that awakened her to the kids' needs."

Realizing the children were far more capable of sports than experts said, Shriver

organized the first Special Olympics in 1968 in Chicago. The two-day event drew more than 1,000 participants from 26 states and Canada.

"She believed that people with intellectual disabilities could — individually and collectively — achieve more than anyone thought possible. This much she knew with unbridled faith and certainty," her son Timothy, chairman of Special Olympics said in a statement.

By 2003, the Special Olympics World Summer Games, held that year in Dublin, Ireland, involved more than 6,500 athletes from 150 countries. The games are held every four years.

Well into her 70s, Shriver remained a daily presence at the Special Olympics headquarters in Washington. "Today we celebrate the life of a woman who had the vision



In this June 22, 2005, file photo, swimmer Annet Lange, left, shows Eunice Kennedy Shriver, right, and her son Anthony Shriver, center, the gold and silver medals she won at the Special Olympics 2003 in Ireland, during a visit in Berlin by the Kennedy's to a factory where all workers are handicapped. Shriver, who founded the Special Olympics and championing the rights of the mentally disabled, died early Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, surrounded by relatives at a Hyannis hospital. She was 88.

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to create our movement," said Special Olympics President and COO Brady Lum.

Juvenile delinquency was

another issue that interested Shriver and spurred her to action. □

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Sen. Arlen Specter, left, listens to an unidentified man, center, voice his complaints during a town hall meeting open to the public Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009 in Lebanon, Pa. At right is a security guard.

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A vandalized sign outside the office of Rep. David Scott, D-Ga., is shown Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009 in Smyrna, Ga. Scott had a contentious community meeting on health care last week. Scott, who is black, said the swastika is the latest example of what he believes is an increasingly hateful and racist debate over reforming health care. The Atlanta lawmaker said he also has received mail in recent days that used N-word references to him, and that characterized President Barack Obama as a Marxist.

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HEALTH CARE

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Obama's push came amid a string of disruptive health care town halls nationwide

that have overshadowed his message and threatened to derail support in Congress. Indeed, Republican-turned-Democratic Sen. Arlen

Specter faced hostile questions, taunts and jeers earlier Tuesday as he tried to explain his positions at a town hall in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Voter fears of a government takeover of health care were on stark display.

Some lawmakers, holding forums during Congress' August recess, have gone so far as to replace public forums with teleconferences or step up security to keep protesters at bay.

But the Democratic president faced no outbursts.

The encounter was so friendly, in fact, that by the end Obama was even asking for skeptical questioners to come forward — to no avail.

He told his audience reassuringly, "For all the chatter and the yelling and the shouting and the noise, what you need to know is this ... if you do have health insurance, we will make sure that no insurance company or government bureaucrat gets between you and the care you need."

Retrofitting his message amid

sliding support, he addressed some of his remarks to a vital and skeptical audience: the tens of millions of people who already have health insurance and are generally satisfied with the care they get.

He said the overhaul is essential to them, too, contending it is the way to keep control in their hands. Obama said while government bureaucrats should not meddle with people's care, bureaucrats at insurance companies should not, either.

The president accused critics of creating "boogymen."

"Spread the facts. Let's get this done," Obama implored the crowd.

The tone was set as soon as Obama arrived. He came in to applause and told one person who shouted support, "I love you back."

One man identified himself as a Republican and said, "I don't know what I'm doing here." The Democratic president said he was happy to have him in attendance.

Toward the end of the session, Obama went so far as to ask people to give him skeptical questions. The best he got were queries about why he doesn't chastise Congress more and where America would find the additional doctors and nurses it needs. Heading toward a pivotal fall debate before congressional action, Obama is scrambling to get lawmakers and the public behind what would be the most ambitious and costly changes to the health care system in decades.

He reiterated his determination that the plan be paid for without adding to the soaring U.S. deficit.

He took on what he described as erroneous claims that

have risen as the debate in Washington and the nation has developed.

He singled out the charge that the Democratic health care legislation would create "death panels" to deny care to frail seniors. Former Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin has said the Democrats' legislation includes "death panels" that could deny care.

Obama declared that a provision that he said had caused the uproar would only authorize Medicare to pay doctors for counseling patients about end-of-life care, living wills, hospice care and other issues, if the patients wanted it. It would not "basically pull the plug on grandma because we decided that it's too expensive to let her live anymore," as Obama put it.

The people Obama called on for questions asked him largely about their personal medical concerns and how any new law would affect them. "We're not talking about cutting Medicare benefits," he said, trying to reassure one questioner.

Obama sought to dispel talk that his ultimate goal is a single-payer federal health care system, like that in countries such as Canada.

He also disputed the notion that adding a government-run insurance plan into a menu of options from which people could pick would drive private insurers out of business, in effect making the system single-payer by default.

As long as they have a good product and the government plan has to sustain itself through premiums and other non-tax revenue, private insurers should be able to compete with the government plan, Obama said.

"They do it all the time," he said. "UPS and FedEx are doing just fine. ... It's the Post Office that's always having problems." □

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Police: Drug informant was killed by informant

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Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A man accused of hiring a U.S. Army soldier and another man to kill a Mexican drug cartel lieutenant who was cooperating with U.S. authorities was himself a government informant, police said Tuesday.

Ruben Rodriguez Dorado hired Pfc. Michael Jackson Apodaca, 18, and Christopher Duran, 17, to help kill Jose Daniel Gonzalez Galeana, El Paso police said Tuesday in charging documents against them. The three were arrested Monday and charged with capital murder in the May 15 slaying of Gonzalez, who was shot eight times outside his pricey El Paso home.

A warrant has been issued for a fourth man, 33-year-old Jesus Aguayo Salas, on a capital murder charge. Investigators said Aguayo, also a ranking cartel official in Mexico, ordered and paid for the hit.

Rodriguez, like Gonzalez, was an informant working with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement service, El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen said.

Gonzalez was living in El Paso on a visa given to him by the ICE, Allen said. He is believed to be the first ranking cartel member killed in the United States. In a written statement, ICE spokeswoman Leticia Zamarripa declined to comment on the case.

"As a matter of policy, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) does not confirm or deny identification of confidential sources of

information," she said.

Apodaca, Duran and Rodriguez were each being held on \$1 million bond. It was not immediately clear if Apodaca or Duran had lawyers. Online court documents didn't list attorneys for them, and police said they didn't know.

Rodriguez's lawyer, Russell M. Aboud did not respond to a phone message Tuesday.

Apodaca, who was stationed at nearby Fort Bliss, told investigators he was paid to kill Gonzalez, according to police. Duran said he drove the getaway car, police said. Allen said Apodaca and Duran were paid "quite a robust amount of money ... under \$10,000, in that area."

According to the charging documents, the Juarez cartel wanted Gonzalez killed because they believed he was a government informant or had changed his allegiance to a rival cartel, and had provided

information to authorities that led to the arrest of a more senior cartel member.

Gonzalez's associates first became suspicious of him after cartel lieutenant Pedro "El Tigre" (The Tiger) Aranas Sanchez was arrested in 2008 and a cartel storage facility was raided by Mexican authorities, El Paso police Lt. Alfred Lowe said.

Gonzalez was in fact an informant for ICE, Allen said Tuesday. He started working for the agency sometime after fleeing Mexico and trying to cut ties with the cartel in 2008, though investigators believe he resumed his duties as a supervisor for smuggling operations after being confronted by cartel officials. Investigators said Rodriguez told them Monday that like Gonzalez, he was a midlevel member of the cartel, which he referred to as the "Compania." □

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This undated photo released by Crime Stoppers, El Paso, shows Jose Daniel Gonzalez Galeana, 37, who was killed in front of his El Paso, Texas house on May 15, 2009. Gonzalez, a Juarez cartel lieutenant who was shot on his quiet El Paso cul-de-sac, was working for U.S. officials as a confidential informant and experts believe his slaying may be the first time assassins from one of Mexico's violent drug gangs have killed a ranking cartel member on American soil.

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President Barack Obama termed Suu Kyi's conviction a violation of "the universal principle of human rights" and said she should be released immediately.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called for the release of more than 2,000 political prisoners, including John Yettaw, the American Suu Kyi was charged with harboring. He was convicted along with her and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labor.

One of Suu Kyi's lawyers, Nyan Win, said that she had instructed her defense team to proceed with an appeal and that they had applied for permission to meet with her Wednesday.

Supporters had suggested that the government would look for ways to keep Suu Kyi isolated until after the elections.

"The outcome of this trial has never been in doubt," said Jared Genser, president of Freedom Now and Suu Kyi's international counsel, noting that her continued detention was in "clear violation" of their own laws. But even locked away in her crumbling lakeside mansion, Suu Kyi — daughter of the country's slain independence leader, Gen. Aung San — remains a potentially powerful force in the country that has remained under harsh military rule for nearly half a century.

Josef Silverstein, professor emeritus at Rutgers University and a Myanmar expert, said that while Suu Kyi may never lead the country, her influence will continue.

"She wants a peaceful and united Burma with the people drawing strength from her example," said Silverstein, referring to the Southeast Asian nation by its old name, which is preferred by many of the ruling military's critics.

Suu Kyi was shown leniency because the junta wished to avoid international criticism and ease internal pressure, said Win Tin, a senior member of her National League for Democracy party.

"This is a clever decision by the government," said Win Tin, an ex-prisoner released last year after serving almost 19 years. Suu Kyi could have received a maximum sentence of five years' imprisonment at hard labor. Suu Kyi looked alert but tired during the 90-minute court session. She stood as the verdict was announced and then thanked foreign diplomats for attending her trial.

"I look forward to working with you in the future for the peace and prosperity of my country and the region," Suu Kyi said in a soft voice to diplomats seated nearby. She then was led out of the courtroom.

Officials said Suu Kyi, who had stayed in a prison guest house during her trial, was driven back to her lakeside villa in a six-car convoy. One of her party members tied

yellow ribbons to the gate and two nearby trees as a gesture of welcome.

Suu Kyi will likely return to her pretrial routine: daily meditation, listening to radio news broadcasts and waiting for the occasional censored mail.

During her trial, which ran for more than 12 weeks, diplomats and supporters said they were impressed by Suu Kyi's grace under pressure, rebuking those who criticized Yettaw's act as foolish, sharing her birthday chocolate cake with prison guards and thanking envoys for their support.

"She commanded her team and in many ways the room," said British Ambassador Mark Canning of her courtroom appearance.

Some commentaries describe Suu Kyi as an accidental leader, having returned to her homeland after two decades abroad to nurse her dying mother just as an anti-regime uprising erupted. She was thrust to the forefront of pro-democracy demonstrations in 1988, which were brutally crushed.

But Silverstein and others note her rise to Myanmar's democracy icon wasn't simply by chance.

As a teenager overseas, Suu Kyi developed an intense interest in her father, who was gunned down by political rivals when she was just a toddler.

She wrote a short biography and seemingly adopted her father Aung San's sense of nationalist mission, military-like discipline and a stubborn streak. Her mother, Khin Kyi, espoused a strong moral code and the nonviolent struggle of India's independence leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, to whom Suu Kyi has since been compared.

Defying the 1988 crackdown which may have killed thousands — no official tally was ever released — she helped found the National League for Democracy party to restore elected government. With her popularity posing a threat to their power, she was placed under house arrest in 1989, and thousands of her party's members jailed.

Despite the repression, her party won a landslide victory in a 1990 general election, but the army refused to recognize the results and retained power.

She was awarded the Nobel peace prize in 1991 for her nonviolent struggle for democracy, but only in 1995 was she freed amid hope for political reconciliation. She was periodically detained after that whenever her party seemed to be posing a challenge.

The junta gave Suu Kyi permission to leave the country to see her family when her husband died in 1999. But she refused, fearing she would never be allowed to return.

She has been detained continuously since May 2003, after her motorcade was attacked by government-backed mob. □

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Chechen activist, husband found dead in car trunk

MUSA SADULAYEV

Associated Press Writer

SHALAZHI, Russia (AP)

— The bullet-riddled bodies of a Chechen activist and her husband were found in the trunk of their car Tuesday, the latest in a string of high-profile killings in Chechnya under its Kremlin-backed leader.

Zarema Sadulayeva and her husband, Alik Dzhabrailov, both 33, had been abducted on Monday from the offices of Save the Generation, the children's charity she runs in the southern Russian republic. Her relatives, who gathered in her home village of Shalazhi for her burial on Tuesday, said the men who took the couple away identified themselves as police. The killings followed last month's kidnapping and shooting death of one of Chechnya's best-known rights activists, Nataliya Estemirova, whose body was found on a roadside. As head of Memorial rights group's Chechen branch, Estemirova had exposed alleged rights abuses by the forces of Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov.

The United States urged an immediate investigation by Russian officials. "We do have deepening concern about the violence of those who are advocating human rights, the rule of law and

independent media and humanitarian assistance in the North Caucasus," U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said in Washington. Amnesty International called the killings a reminder "of the climate of impunity in Chechnya," and said officials' failure to investigate the murders of rights activists was a "strong indication that those authorities are at least acquiescent to these crimes," according to a statement.

The Chechen leader, who has denied accusations of being behind Estemirova's July 15 killing, blamed the latest killings on unspecified forces that want to destabilize the republic.

"It was a cruel crime and a challenge to the authorities," Kadyrov said in televised comments. "People who committed this crime wanted to split society. Some don't like stability in the Chechen republic."

A lone security guard witnessed the abduction in Grozny, the Chechen capital. Those who talked to him, including Sadulayeva's uncle and a rights activist, said he described five or six men, some in military fatigues and others in civilian clothing.

Rights activist Kheda Saratova said the guard, who

is now under the protection of Chechnya's human rights ombudsman, described the men taking Sadulayeva and her husband away from the office, and then returning to collect the couple's two cell phones and Sadulayeva's car. Vakhit Sadulayev, the victim's uncle, cited the security guard as saying the men identified themselves as police. Their main target appeared to have been Dzhabrailov, he said, and when they tried to take him away alone his wife insisted on going with them.

The couple were found shot in the head and chest, the Chechen Interior Ministry said. Their bodies had been stuffed into the trunk of their car, which was parked in a Grozny suburb, according to the rights group Memorial. Sadulayeva and Dzhabrailov had married a few months ago, after he served time in prison on charges of being a member of a Chechen separatist movement.

Kadyrov speculated that Dzhabrailov was killed in a blood feud, and said he could see no reason for the death of Sadulayeva, whose work helping disabled children had "not bothered anyone."

Sadulayeva's group, which worked with UNICEF, had been helping Chechen children



People pray at the body of slain rights activist Zarema Sadulayeva during the burial in her native village of Shalazhi, south of Grozny, Chechnya Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009. The bullet-riddled bodies of Zarema Sadulayeva and her husband, Alik Dzhabrailov, were found in the trunk of their car Tuesday, a day after they were kidnapped, police and Russian rights groups said.

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injured during the region's two devastating separatist wars over the last 15 years.

In 2005, a previous leader of the organization was taken into custody by security forces on suspicions of sympathizing with the separatists. He later turned up dead.

At Sadulayeva's funeral Tuesday, her father told a story of her refusing to allow her grandmother to take a few pounds from a large rice shipment. "You have four sons who can buy you rice," Abdulla Sadulayev recalled his daughter saying. "These children have no one."

"She was never driven by

money or riches, and honestly fulfilled her mission," he said.

Kadyrov promised to find the killers and punish them. Federal prosecutors also said they would join the investigation.

The Chechen leader had much harsher words for Estemirova, whom he denounced in a recent Radio Liberty interview as a person who "never had any honor, dignity or conscience." The interview was published on the broadcaster's Web site Saturday. Chechen separatists battled Russian troops and pro-Moscow Chechen forces through two wars after the 1991 Soviet collapse. □



Defendant Josef Scheungraber waves to a spectator prior to the last day of his trial in a room of the court in Munich, southern Germany, on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009. The 90-year-old former German army officer has been convicted of murder in the killings of Italian civilians during World War II. The Munich state court on Tuesday sentenced Josef Scheungraber to life in prison. Presiding Judge Manfred Goetzl announced his conviction on 10 counts of murder and further charges of attempted murder.

**DAVID RISING
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Associated Press Writers

MUNICH (AP) — Gino Massetti was only 15 when Nazi troops rounded him up with 10 other Italian civilians and forced them into a barn in Tuscany before blowing it up — a massacre carried out in revenge after partisans killed two soldiers.

Though Massetti, the lone survivor, couldn't identify who ordered the slaughter, former Wehrmacht Lt. Josef Scheungraber was convicted

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Ex-Nazi officer guilty in WWII massacre in Italy

conviction against Nazi war criminals, experts say.

"Even old age cannot protect one from prosecution," Norbert Frei, a historian at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, told Bayerischen Rundfunk radio.

An American attorney who served as the U.S. Justice Department's lead lawyer in the 2002 case against John Demjanjuk said the verdict has important implications for the German trial of the retired autoworker accused of being a guard at the Sobibor concentration camp.

"It's going to be a similar body of evidence that is used against Demjanjuk, and the fact that you have a conviction in this case is a very promising sign for the Demjanjuk prosecution," Jonathan Drimmer, now in private practice, said by telephone from his Washington office. The 89-year-old Demjanjuk, charged as an accessory to the murder of 27,900 people at Sobibor, was deported from the U.S. in May after losing all appeals there. The same court where Scheungraber was convicted had not decided when Demjanjuk might go on trial.

The Demjanjuk case is another where there are no known direct living witnesses, and prosecutors are relying on historical documents in their attempt to prove he served as a guard at the death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

In its ruling, the Munich state court ruled that Scheungraber's men exacted vengeance against the population of Falzano di Cortona, near the Italian town of Arezzo, after local partisans killed two German soldiers in June 1944.

"It was about revenge," said Judge Manfred Goetzl.

Scheungraber, who was a 25-year-old in command of a company of engineers at the time, maintained he was not in Falzano di Cortona when the killings happened, but was overseeing reconstruction of a nearby bridge. However, the

court said evidence presented over the last 11 months showed Scheungraber "was the only officer present to give the order."

The court said he had ordered two of his men on a mission, and sent his driver to look for them when they did not return. When they were found dead, Scheungraber organized their burial; pictures showing him there were presented at the trial.

"The accused, who felt personally responsible for the deaths of two of his comrades, wanted to counter the fear, the hate and the helplessness of the soldiers, who expected protective measures on one hand, and revenge on the other," the court said in its ruling.

Scheungraber drew several deep breaths after his conviction was announced and listened to the judge's explanation with his eyes closed.

"The past caught up with the defendant," prosecutor Hans-Joachim Lutz said. "He will have to atone for his guilt." Scheungraber was acquitted of ordering soldiers to shoot to death three Italian men and one woman before the massacre in the barn; the court said it could not be proven that he gave the order.

During the trial, Massetti described how he was rounded up with the others and herded into the barn.

"I heard a scream, and that was it then. They were all dead," Massetti testified.

Just before the barn was blown up, Massetti recalled, he saw a man he assumed was an officer arrive on a motorcycle and give what appeared to be an order.

Massetti could not describe the officer and didn't understand what he said.

Massetti said it was down to luck that he survived. He was partly shielded from the blast after a heavy beam and a man fell on top of him.

A former work colleague also testified that he remembered

Scheungraber saying in the 1970s that he couldn't visit Italy because of what happened during the war, which involved "shooting a dozen men and blowing them into the air."

The witness, Eugen Schuh, testified he did not remember Scheungraber saying he had given the order, but said the defendant told the story "as if it were his decision."

If there is reasonable doubt in a case, German courts are supposed to rule for the defendant. Stephen Klemp — a researcher for the Simon Wiesenthal Center — said in past decades, even cases with seemingly stronger evidence tended to go in the defendants' favor.

He said the Scheungraber verdict was a "good sign" for future cases.

"I would not have been surprised if he would have been acquitted ... but maybe the times are changing for Nazi war criminals in Germany now," he said.

Drimmer pointed out, meanwhile, that American courts have been much more willing to convict on circumstantial evidence, and suggested the attitude was starting to spread across the Atlantic.

He also said in historical cases — especially involving wartime experiences where someone catches a glimpse of someone involved in an atrocity — witness accounts are generally unreliable.

"These are going to be recollections that, 60 years after the fact, it's going to be hard to put a lot of credibility into for a criminal charge," Drimmer said.

Following the verdict, court spokeswoman Margarete Noetzel said Scheungraber would not go to prison until the appeals process is finished. That could take months.

A few relatives of Scheungraber's victims attended the judgment and expressed satisfaction with the outcome. □

Evangelical leader, 9 others charged in Brazil

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SAO PAULO (AP) — The founder of one of Brazil's biggest evangelical churches siphoned off billions of dollars in donations from his mostly poor followers to buy jewelry, TV stations and other businesses for himself, authorities charged Tuesday. A Brazilian judge accepted charges from prosecutors alleging that Bishop Edir Macedo and nine other people linked to the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God committed fraud against the church itself and against its numerous followers.

Sao Paulo state's prosecutors office alleged in a statement that Macedo and the others took more than \$2 billion in donations from 2003 to 2008 alone, but charged that the alleged scheme went back 10 years.

Church lawyer Arthur Lavigne told the newspaper Folha de S. Paulo that the accused denied any wrongdoing. Church officials did not respond to attempts to reach them by phone and e-mail.

Prosecutors said the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God receives nearly

\$800 million in donations every year from faithful in 4,500 temples across Brazil. The church claims to have nearly 8 million followers in Brazil and many more around the world. Prosecutors said the church tells its members it needs donations — cash, checks, cars and other goods — to finance new temples and to pay for religious programs on radio and TV. The church allegedly used fake companies to launder the money, moving the assets abroad and then returning them in the form of loans used by Macedo and his accomplices to buy businesses, prosecutors said.

"There is proof that the money from the donations was used to attend to the personal interests of those being accused" and that they took advantage that the donations were not taxed to make investments in personal business, the prosecutors' statement said.

Macedo, who founded the church in 1977, owns a large television network, three newspapers and several radio stations. He also owns a tourism agency and an air taxi company.

In the early 1990s, the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God was



Costa Rica's President Oscar Arias, left, speaks at the presidential house in San Jose, Wednesday, July 22, 2009. The 69-year-old, Nobel Peace laureate and Costa Rican President Oscar Arias said Tuesday that he has swine flu, showing that not even a head of state is safe from the virus that has caused worldwide concern but relatively few deaths.

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investigated for embezzlement and tax evasion, but nothing was ever proven and the church grew stronger.

Brazil is the world's largest Roman

Catholic country, but recently the number of evangelicals has grown significantly among its population of about 190 million people. □



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Schumacher calls off F1 comeback

GEIR MOULSON

Associated Press Writer

BERLIN (AP) — Michael Schumacher has called off his much-anticipated Formula One comeback because of lingering injuries from a motorcycling crash earlier this year.

The seven-time world champion was to fill in for injured Ferrari driver Felipe Massa, and hoped to return at this month's European Grand Prix in Valencia, Spain.

Schumacher said on his Web site he informed top Ferrari officials on Monday evening that "unfortunately I'm not able to step in for Felipe."



In this April 20, 2006 file photo Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher of Germany stretches his neck during a press conference at the Dino and Enzo Ferrari racetrack in Imola, Italy.

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Schumacher, 40, retired at the end of the 2006 season. Since then, he has raced occasionally in a motorcycling series but was injured in a crash in February.

"The consequences of the injuries caused by the bike accident in February, fractures in the area of head and neck, unfortunately have turned out to be still too severe," Schumacher said Tuesday. "That is why my neck cannot stand the extreme stresses caused by Formula One yet." "I really tried everything to make that temporary comeback possible."

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Woods says he was not fined for comment

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AP Golf Writer

CHASKA, Minnesota (AP) — Tiger Woods said he was not fined by the U.S. PGA Tour for his critical remarks about a rules official putting the last group on the clock at the Bridgestone Invitational.

A tour official told The Associated Press on Monday that the world's No. 1 player would be fined for his comment. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the tour does not publicize fines.

A section of the tour handbook says "it is an obligation of membership to refrain from comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage tournaments, sponsors, fellow members, players or PGA Tour."

"I've heard from the tour and there's no fine," Woods said. "That was an erroneous report."

Woods was annoyed after his four-shot victory on Sunday because he and Padraig Harrington were put on the clock after walking off the tee at the par-5 16th.

He said that caused Harrington to rush three difficult shots, leading to triple bogey that effectively ended the tournament.

European Tour chief referee John Paramor told Woods and Harrington they were being timed.

Woods said he told Harrington after it was over, "I'm sorry that John got in the way of a great battle."

Asked on Tuesday if he regretted making the issue personal by calling out Paramor, Woods said, "No. Because he's the one who did it."

Woods said he can appreciate the job of a rules official, and "that's why I thought they would have used better judgment on that."

"As I said, we were the ones that were probably going to win the golf tournament in the last group. We separated ourselves," Woods said. "And after what Paddy went through, we were still



Tiger Woods waits to putt on the ninth hole during a practice round for the 91st PGA Championship Golf tournament at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., Monday, Aug. 10, 2009.

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right there behind the group in front of us. So I don't know if the group in front of us was being timed or not. They didn't look like they were rushing. But it certainly influenced us in how we played and influenced the outcome of a tournament."

While the U.S. PGA Tour does not discuss fines, spokesman Ty Votaw confirmed Woods' comment.

"The information that was conveyed to the reporter was inaccurate," Votaw said. "There has been no process started with respect to any disciplinary action. Based on the reports we have read, Tiger's comments related to the impact of the decision. We did not read them as being an unreasonable attack or disparaging."

Harrington said he did not read or hear of Woods' remark in his defense and couldn't comment. He continued to blame himself for failing to keep it in the fairway, which required more thought over how to escape trouble.

"I reacted poorly to the situation, and that's my own fault," Harrington said.

Later, however, he said Woods was in a better position to speak his mind having won the tournament. □

NL Roundup Tulowitzki hits for cycle, drives in seven

DENVER (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki hit for the cycle and had a career-high seven RBIs to help the Colorado Rockies beat the Chicago Cubs 11-5 in the National League on Monday.

Tulowitzki, who had a grand slam denied in the first video review ever at Coors Field, led off the seventh a triple shy of the franchise's fifth cycle and first in nine years. He laced a 3-2 pitch down the left-field line and slid headfirst into the bag before third baseman Jake Fox could corral the throw from left.

Tulowitzki hit his 21st homer in the first, singled in the second and doubled in the fourth in his first three at-bats. He added a two-run single in the eighth to finish with five hits.

It was the sixth cycle in the majors this season.

Todd Helton had two singles to extend his hitting streak to 15 games and Jorge De La Rosa (10-8) struck out 11 for the Rockies, who took three of the four games in the wraparound series with the Cubs.

At St. Louis, Kyle Lohse won for the first time since injuring his forearm more than 2 1/2 months ago, working six effective innings in St. Louis' win over Cincinnati.

Colby Rasmus drew a bases-loaded walk in the fifth inning off Kip Wells (0-3) for the go-ahead run and Matt Holliday, Khalil Greene and Brendan Ryan hit balls off the wall in a two-run sixth. The NL Central leaders have won four straight, and at 63-51 are a season-high 12 games above .500.

Reds starter Johnny Cueto injured his left hip running out a grounder in the third and left the game.

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AL Roundup

3 HRs help Boston end 6-game losing streak

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Nick Green hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly and one of Boston's three homers as the Red Sox ended a six-game losing streak with a 6-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers in the American League on Monday.

The Red Sox, who scored two runs in the final three games of a four-game sweep by the Yankees in New York, squandered a 5-3 lead when Manny Delcarmen allowed two runs in the seventh. They went back in front in the bottom of the inning on singles by J.D. Drew and Casey Kotchman and Green's sacrifice fly.

In the eighth, Detroit put runners at second and third with one out. Ramon Ramirez (6-3) struck out Adam Everett, and Jonathan Papelbon retired Curtis Granderson on a foul out. Papelbon got his 28th

save.

Reliever Zach Miner (5-2) allowed Green's sacrifice fly in two innings.

At New York, Lyle Overbay and Aaron Hill hit solo homers as Toronto snapped New York's seven-game winning streak. Overbay drove in two runs, and Edwin Encarnacion and Joe Inglett also drove in runs for the Blue Jays, who played an inspired game about 30 minutes after learning that teammate Alex Rios had been claimed off waivers by the Chicago White Sox.

Shawn Camp (1-5) picked up the win in relief of ineffective starter Marc Rzepczynski, who allowed three homers and didn't make it out of the fourth. The Blue Jays bullpen allowed four hits over 5 2-3 shutout innings, helping Toronto win for just the third time in 10 tries against the

Yankees this season.

Jason Frasor worked the ninth for his fifth save.

Derek Jeter hit a homer on the third pitch of the game, and Robinson Cano and Jerry Hairston added back-to-back homers in the fourth for the Yankees.

At Baltimore, rookie pitcher Gio Gonzalez took a five-hit shutout into the seventh inning, and Mark Ellis had a career-high five hits and four RBIs for Oakland, which extended its winning streak against Baltimore to nine games.

After giving up two hits to start the seventh, Gonzalez (4-2) was pulled following a rain delay of 52 minutes. When play resumed, Craig Breslow got three straight outs to strand both runners in scoring position.

Gonzalez has won four straight decisions over a seven-game



Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia heads for home as Detroit Tigers pitcher Edwin Jackson, rear, reacts to Pedroia's two-run home run in the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, Aug. 10, 2009.

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Oakland 9, Baltimore 1; Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 4; Boston 6, Detroit 5; L.A. Angels 8, Tampa Bay 7; and Seattle 6, Chicago White Sox 4. □

NL ROUNDUP*Continued from Previous Page*

Lohse (5-7) won for the first time in six starts since coming off the disabled list on July 12, limiting the Reds to a run and four hits. Lohse, who won for the first time since being struck on the arm while squaring to bunt on May 23, had been 0-3 with a 5.84 ERA since coming off the DL.

Marlins 8, Astros 6

At Miami, Rick VandenHurk pitched five effective innings and five Florida players had at least one RBI as the Marlins beat Houston for their fourth straight win.

John Baker had two RBIs, and NL batting leader Hanley Ramirez had two singles and an RBI to help chase starter Brian Moehler (7-8) after five innings.

VandenHurk (2-1) struck out four and allowed two runs and five hits.

Darin Erstad had a home run and three RBIs for Houston. Florida lost three straight last week to the last-place Washington Nationals and then went into Philadelphia for a three-game sweep.

Baker hit a two-run double, Jorge Cantu had an RBI



Colorado Rockies' Troy Tulowitzki follows the flight of his single to drive in two runs against the Chicago Cubs in the eighth inning of the Rockies' 11-5 victory in a baseball game in Denver on Monday, Aug. 10, 2009. Tulowitzki hit for the cycle and drove in seven runs.

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single and Cody Ross added a sacrifice fly in the first inning to put Florida ahead 4-0. Carlos Lee had a two-run double in the ninth off Matt Lindstrom, and he scored on a balk by Leo Nunez, who got the last two outs for his 12th save.

Diamondbacks 7, Mets 4

At Phoenix, Doug Davis had a two-run double and won his third straight decision

and Trent Oeltjen hit his third homer in four major league games as Arizona handed New York its ninth loss in 12 games.

In other NL games it was,

Florida 8, Houston 6; St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 1; Colorado 11, Chicago Cubs 5; Arizona 7, N.Y. Mets 4; and L.A. Dodgers 4, San Francisco 2. □



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WNBA Roundup

Leslie tops 6,000 points, leads Sparks past Fever



Los Angeles Sparks' Lisa Leslie watches a WNBA basketball game between the Sparks and the Indiana Fever in Los Angeles, Monday, Aug. 10, 2009. Leslie had 21 points and 11 rebounds, and became the first WNBA player to reach 6,000 career points as the Los Angeles Sparks beat the Indiana Fever 75-63 on Monday night.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lisa Leslie had 21 points and 11 rebounds, and became the first WNBA player to reach 6,000 career points as the Los Angeles Sparks beat the Indiana Fever 75-63 on Monday.

Leslie reached the milestone with an 11-foot jump shot as the shot-clock buzzer sounded with 11.9 seconds left in the second quarter.

Candace Parker added 14 points and Noelle Quinn had 10 points for the Sparks (8-11), who shot a season-high 51 percent in getting their fourth victory in six games.

Katie Douglas scored 16 points for the Eastern Conference-leading Fever (17-5), whose five-game winning streak ended. Tamika Catchings added 15 points and Briann January had 10 points. □

F1 COMEBACK

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However, much to my regret it didn't work out," he added. "Unfortunately we did not manage to get a grip on the pain in the neck" which arose after he tested an old Ferrari at the Mugello circuit in Italy, Schumacher said.

The German won 91 races

in 250 starts in an F1 career spanning 15 years from 1991. "I am disappointed to the core. I am awfully sorry for the fans which crossed fingers for me," Schumacher said. "All I can do now is to keep my fingers crossed for the whole team for the coming

races."

Ferrari president Luca di Montezemolo thanked Schumacher for his loyalty to the team in attempting an F1 comeback.

"I am very unhappy that a problem means that Michael cannot return to racing," Montezemolo said.

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In this file photo taken Tuesday Jan. 24, 2006, Ferrari test driver Luca Badoer looks on at a press conference during a practice session at the Mugello circuit, near Scarperia, central Italy. Ferrari said Tuesday Aug. 11, 2009 that Badoer will replace Michael Schumacher at this month's European Grand Prix at Valencia after the German seven-time world champion called off his much-anticipated Formula One comeback. Badoer is a Ferrari test driver whose name was first floated by Italian media after Felipe Massa's crash took him off the race circuit.

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appreciate his great efforts and extraordinary motivation which had spread through the team and fans around the world.

"No doubt his return would have been good for Formula One and I am sure it would

have seen him fighting for wins again," he added. "In the name of Ferrari and all the fans, I wish to thank him for the strong attachment he displayed for the team in these circumstances." □





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Miles personas llegan a capital Honduras a pedir retorno Zelaya

TEGUCIGALPA (Reuters) - Ondeando banderas de Honduras y entonando temas de protesta, miles de simpatizantes del depuesto presidente hondureño, Manuel Zelaya, llegaron el martes a la capital del país para reclamar la restitución del mandatario, sacado del poder el 28 de junio.

Los manifestantes marcharon varios kilómetros desde diversas localidades de la nación centroamericana hasta Tegucigalpa con el objetivo de protagonizar protestas y aumentar la presión sobre el Gobierno del mandatario interino, Roberto Micheletti.

"Estos golpistas se tienen que ir, el pueblo está contra el golpe; el presidente Zelaya es el que fue electo por los hondureños, no los militares golpistas", dijo Sarahí Avilez, una empleada pública de 32 años.

Al grito de "Viva Olancho", en alusión al estado natal de Zelaya, algunos de los manifestantes lucieron el típico sombrero de ranchero que

se ha convertido en el símbolo del mandatario.

"Queremos que regrese Mel", clamaban otros bajo el intenso calor que azotaba la capital hondureña mientras marchaban hacia un custodiado Palacio Presidencial.

Las negociaciones para una solución a la crisis en Honduras, la peor en América Central en las últimas dos décadas, están estancadas mientras la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) intenta reflotar una propuesta del presidente costarricense, Oscar Arias, que contempla el retorno de Zelaya a la silla presidencial.

El Gobierno interino se opone a la vuelta del mandatario, a quien expulsó a punta de pistola del país con el apoyo de las Fuerzas Armadas, gran parte del arco político y la Iglesia por supuestamente haber violado la Constitución al buscar forzar una reelección presidencial.

El golpe de Estado fue condenado por la comunidad internacional, incluido



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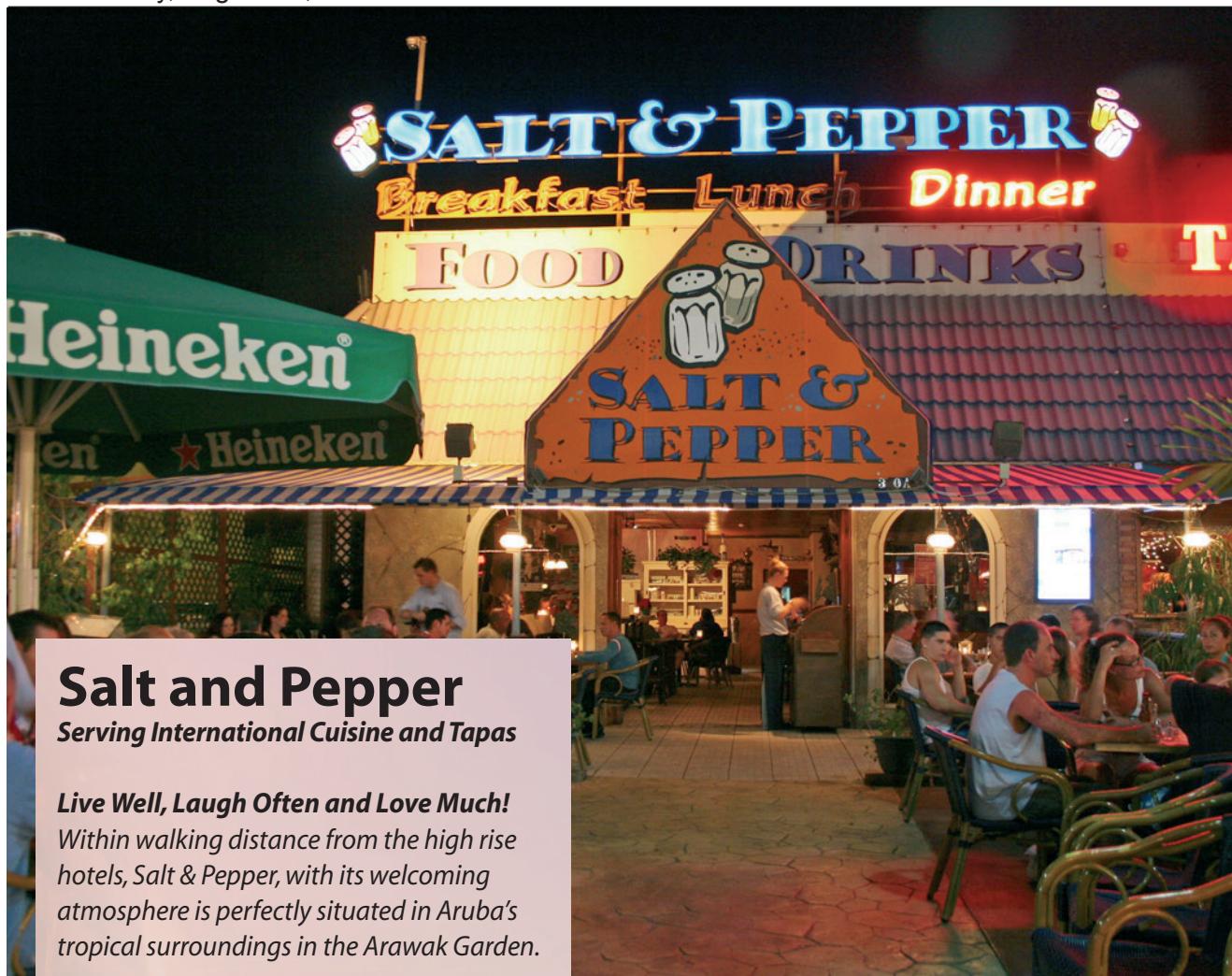
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